

BOWSER SEEKS FAME

Writes Himself Up For the Universal Biography of Americans.

READS IT TO THE DRUGGIST.

That Individual Puts a Decided Crimp In His Customer's Ambitious Design. Shock Was More Than He Could Stand.

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Instead of sitting down to his cigar and newspaper after dinner the other evening Mr. Bowser entered the library and closed the door, and it was a quarter of an hour before Mrs. Bowser awoke to the fact that there was something mysterious going on. Then it occurred to her that Mr. Bowser had seemed uneasy and nervous and had little to say. She gave him five minutes more and then rapped on the door and said:

"You didn't tell me that you had writing to do. Is it something special?"

"Very special, my dear," he answered. "I may be writing here until daylight. You can go to bed whenever you get ready."

"But what is it that you are going to write about until daylight? Don't you have time to write your business letters at the office? It's anything outside of business perhaps I can help you."

Mr. Bowser looked at her longingly, but doubtfully, and finally replied: "Give me fifteen minutes more, and perhaps I will consult with you."

It was nearly half an hour before he appeared in the sitting room with three



HE HAS MET MAD DOGS AND EARTHQUAKES.

or four pages of manuscript in his hand and a troubled look upon his literary brow. He read a part of a page and then looked at the cat; then he read the other part and looked at Mrs. Bowser and finally said:

"I know how it will come out if I ask your advice and assistance, but I always make a fool of myself in such things. You've got an idea that I don't know enough to come in when it rains."

Told Him He Was Clever.

"On the contrary," replied Mrs. Bowser. "I think you are a very clever man. Please explain just what it is this evening."

"Well, an agent for the 'Universal Biography of Famous Americans' was in the office this afternoon. He came in on other business, not knowing whose office it was, but when he heard me spoken to as Bowser he couldn't sit still. He said he had been reading and hearing about me for the last ten years and that I must have at least two pages in the book. I am to have the pages next to President Roosevelt."

"Well?"

"I am to write whatever I want to, and he will publish it word for word. It is a work such as has never been undertaken in the history of American literature. There will be a thousand famous men, and no scribbles can get into it at any price. Whatever is said about me will be read by future generations for a thousand years to come."

"And what is it to cost you?"

"Only \$250. Some men have paid more than that to be mentioned in a family almanac along with Captain Kidd. You know I have no vanity about me, Mrs. Bowser, but if future generations want to read of me I ought to be willing to accommodate them. Don't you think so?"

Yes, What Have You Written?

"What He Wrote."

"Not a great deal. I have been trying to start the thing off, you see. I will read what I have written, and for heaven's sake don't get sarcastic and sneer at it. Tell me what you think of it, but don't jump on me with both feet, as you usually do. Now listen:

"Samuel Worthington Bowser was born in Chelsea, Mass., in 1848. His parents were poor, but honest. Like the famous Abraham Lincoln, Mr. Bowser went barefooted until he was thirteen years old. From his infancy it was seen that he was cute, sharp and a hustler. It was predicted on all sides that he would be a great man."

"How is that?" asked Mr. Bowser when he had read that far.

"Very good," replied Mrs. Bowser, with a nod. "I haven't a word of fault to find with that. Go on."

"Mr. Bowser walked twelve miles through snowdrifts five feet high to get his education, and it was only a year before he knew more than his teacher. He realized that the college and the state prison are closely connected, and so he did not attend either. He sim-

ply skirred around and got a general education, and when he had reached the age of twenty no man in America could sell him a patent washing machine."

"In his eventful life Mr. Bowser has owned groceries."

"He has brought out five different patents."

"He is the only man that ever beat a gas company."

"He has met mad dogs and earthquakes."

"He has been engaged in scientific discoveries."

Had Made Discoveries.

"He was the first to discover that if a man put his ear to a hole in the ground at night he could hear the grating sound of the world turning on its axis."

"He made it first known that a rabbit's hind legs were the longest, so that he could run backward when tired of going ahead."

"It took Mr. Bowser five years to discover that cockroaches devoured microbes by the thousand."

"It was through his indefatigable efforts that the world came to know why nature made the cucumber as we find it."

"During the past ten years Mr. Bowser has been offered various political nominations, but has always declined. When the presidency is offered him, however, which is sure to come about, he may break over his rule."

"He is not a man of one idea, as was Flin, Clever and Caesar, but has dealt in bugs, chickens, cows, orphans, tramps, fire escapes, burglar alarms, spring tonics, hair dyes, busted water pipes, gas saving arrangements and many other things."

"That's as far as I have gone," said Mr. Bowser as he sat down. "It won't make more than half a page, but if I once get a start the rest will come along. What criticisms have you to make?"

Mrs. Bowser had made up her mind right at the start what to do, and not the shadow of a smile had been seen on her face during the reading. When appealed to for her opinion she said:

"It would look almost like presumption on my part to criticize. I wish you would go over to the druggist. You know him to be somewhat literary, and he will surely tell you just what he thinks."

"He can think only one way unless he is jealous of me."

"But I'd drop in and see him anyhow."

Would Ask the Druggist.

"Well, I guess I will. He isn't generally busy at this hour of the evening. I'll ask him to just run over what I've written and tell me what he thinks."

Mrs. Bowser was sorry to see him go, and yet she had read in the paper that the 'Universal' was a swindle, and she felt that he needed heroic treatment. At the end of half an hour she heard a fussing at the front door, and, thinking some child was trying to ring the bell, she went down the hall and opened it. There was Mr. Bowser, with a man supporting him by either arm, and one of them queried:

"This is where he lives, isn't it?"

"Yes. What on earth has happened?"

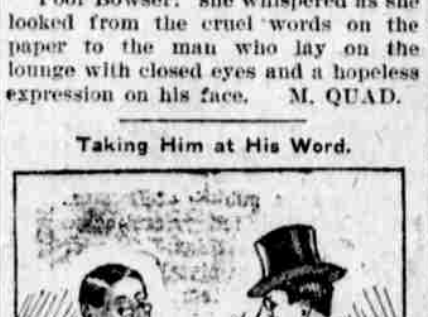
"He got a shock down in the drug store, ma'am."

Mr. Bowser was assisted down the hall into the sitting room and laid on the lounge. In his hand he held the manuscript. After the men had been thanked and departed Mrs. Bowser took the sheets and found an extra one, and on it the druggist had written:

Notice to the Public.—The bearer of this is not dangerous, and children can stroke him without fear. He is simply an easy mark."

"Poor Bowser!" she whispered as she looked from the cruel words on the paper to the man who lay on the lounge with closed eyes and a hopeless expression on his face. M. QUAD.

Taking Him at His Word.



A CRITICAL MOMENT.

This picture illustrates an incident in the life of a noted philanthropist, sportsman and man of letters, who, after firing his last shot at the oncoming bears had the courage to stand his ground and when the leading bear reached him with wide-opened mouth jammed the rifle barrel down his throat, with such a disconcerting effect on the animal that he turned tail and, with his companion, fled. NEVER SAY DIE. While there is life, there is hope! This we say to people afflicted with coughs, colds and consumption. For nearly fifty years Pilo's Cure has been helping, and many times curing, cases that were deemed incurable. Read the following sworn testimony:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN, County of Kalamazoo, ss. I, the undersigned, being a resident in my presence this 23 day of April, 1906.

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The Similarity.

"He rides like a whirlwind on horseback."

"That so?"

"Yep. I saw him out the other day, and he was going round and round in the same place."—Des Moines Register.

A New Mark.

"Do you really believe that lightning never strikes twice in the same place?"

"Of course. After a place is rebuilt it isn't exactly the same place, you know."—Pittsburg Post.

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then and there. The prisoner was arraigned.

In the meantime officers were dispatched in several directions by the magistrate who expressed his intention of dealing with excise violations as fast as they were brought before him.

"I hope to live to see the day when the United States government will wipe out every saloon and brewery in the country."—Chairman L. J. Lyons, of the Elections Committee, of the Missouri House of Representatives.

Churches Ferry, N. D., April 13.—Judge Cowan has directed that the station of the Great Northern Railroad in this place be kept closed for a year because a drayman, Rudolph Wurdeman, was permitted to use it for storing beer. Wurdeman was accustomed to take orders about town for beer and to deliver it from supplies kept in the station. He pleaded guilty upon prosecution, and was fined \$250 and sentenced to serve 90 days in the County Jail.

All the costs of the case were taxed against the Great Northern, and will be a lien upon its property here until paid. It is expected the Great Northern will combat the order.

He Does More Harm.

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PRICE OF LIFE IS LOW.

London Roughs Will Put Any One Out of the Way Cheaply.

I am told that a £10 note will buy a man's life in London, that any unscrupulous person can fall into the Thames on a dark night, or break his neck going round a slippery, dark corner, or fall under a van, if a little bit of crisp paper changes hands, says the London Sketch. I know that a very distinguished playwright, wishing to work out the plot of a melodrama, went into a high-class den of thieves, made friends with some of the leaders, and unfolded to them as something he wished to put into execution the plan he had devised for his villain's action. He told his listeners that there was a very important financier he wanted out of the way for 48 hours while he played the very dickens with the exchange with the stocks the financier controlled. He suggested to his listeners that an attractive lady and a yacht would be the simplest means of insuring this object. His hearers concurred. They knew the very yacht for the purpose; a skipper and a crew could easily be produced; and concerning the lady there would be no difficulty whatever. "Then, after the 48 hours, we will of course, bring him back," said the dramatist brightly, thinking of his fourth act. A cloud came over the faces of his audience. "Well, guv'nor, of course, if you wish it; but it would save such a lot of questions being asked if he just went quietly overboard," the spokesman suggested.

SECRET OF GOOD MANNERS.

Two Theories of the Acquirement—Unselfishness and Conventionality.

Most mothers hold, consciously or unconsciously, one of two theories about the acquirement of manners by their children. One mother says, "Manners are only the outward sign of the inner nature. If my daughter has a kind heart and a well trained mind she will behave in a gentle, charming fashion. I will teach her compassion, respect for age, unselfish zeal for helping with the world's work. Her manners will take care of themselves." Another mother says, "My girls will never get on without conventional manners. They shall be taught from babyhood to emulate the speech and bearing of ladies. They shall be instructed in the proper behavior for every occasion. They shall walk and dance and write and speak with graceful perfection." Neither method, says the Youth's Companion, produces altogether satisfactory results.

Unselfishness is truly the foundation of good manners, but not the superstructure. Many conventional restrictions have grown about social relations. Some can be explained by the demand of kindness and some cannot.

Good Substitute for Bell.

N. C. Goodwin, the actor, described at a dinner a Turkish bath that he once took in Mexico. "My rubber," said Mr. Goodwin, "was a strong man, a very strong man. He laid me on the slab and prodded and kneaded and punched and hammered me in a most emphatic way. At the end, after I had got up, he came behind me before my sheet was adjusted, and gave me on the bare back four resounding whacks with the palm of his enormous hand. 'What on earth did you do that for?' I panted, staggering. 'No offense, boss,' said the man. 'It was only to let the office know I was ready for the next bath. You see, the bell's out of order in this room.'"

Russ Didn't Work.

A bailiff, having long tried in vain to arrest a Quaker, at last resolved to adopt the disguise of a Quaker himself, and so get access to the interior of the house. He knocked accordingly at the door, inquiring if Friend Amindab was at home, and if he could see him. The housekeeper said, "Walk in, friend, and he shall see thee." The bailiff, delighted to have got this success, was directed to wait; but after waiting an hour he became impatient, rang the bell, and said to the servant, "Thou promised me I should see Friend Amindab." "No, friend," answered she; "I promised he should see thee. He hath seen thee, but he doth not like thee."—Tit-Bits.

Before Breakfast.

Shall we walk before breakfast? Assuredly? Why this eternal yearning for breakfast? Forget it. Dr. Latson says: "We get to-day's strength (not stimulate) from yesterday's food, not from today's. I have walked many hundred miles without breakfast. In fact, all the walking I have done in the last four years has been without breakfast for I never take any." George Sand used to walk in the daytime and write at night. Dickens used to say that a ten-mile stult afoot was the best preparation for his daily literary work. Daniel Webster and George Washington were great walkers.

Where He Put Up.

"And you really claim to be an aristocrat in disguise?" said the haughty lady in the boudoir, as she dropped a gold piece to the mendicant who had stopped the runaway horses.

"Yes, mum," replied the latter, tipping his crownless hat.

"Well, we are descended from the Normans. What house are you from?"

"The 'house of correction,' mum."

The Reason.

Mrs. Slummer.—Does your husband drink regularly?

Mrs. Hogan.—No, mum; my wages isn't steady.—Leslie's Weekly.

Disraeli's True Prophecy.

More than \$25 was given in a London auction room the other day for the letter written by Disraeli to his sister in 1833, in which he said: "Heard Macaulay's best speech, Shiel and Charles Grant. Macaulay admirable, but, between ourselves, I could floor them all. This entree nous (sic), I was never more confident of anything than that I could carry everything before me in that house. The time will come."

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